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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached please find my application to the Commission.

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APPLICATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Please submit your completed application
by email to district.applications@austintexas.gov
by mail or in person to:
Office of the City Auditor
301 W. 2nd Street Suite 2130
Austin, TX 78701

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*Application Period:
January 18, 2013
through
February 22, 2013*

**FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INTERPRETING KEY TERMS, SEE THE GLOSSARY
AT THE END OF THIS APPLICATION**

**MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS CAN BE FOUND IN
THE CITY AUDITOR'S INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE AND THE CITY CHARTER
AT WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/10-ONE**

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or provide a signed application to the Office of the City Auditor in person or by mail at:

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Austin, TX 78701

Submission Deadline: February 22, 2013

DUTIES AND TERMS OF SERVICE

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission duties include:

1. Conduct duties with integrity and fairness.
2. Conduct an open and transparent process to enable full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines to include an open hearing process.
3. Draw district lines in accordance with specific redistricting criteria in the Charter.
4. Adopt a final redistricting plan and certify the plan to the Austin City Council.
5. Issue a report that explains the basis on which the Commission made its decisions.

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Member terms of service include:

1. Members of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) will not be compensated for serving, but are eligible to receive reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses related to Commission duties. Guidance on what is considered "reasonable and necessary" will be provided by the appropriate authority at a later date.
2. Serve a term of office that expires when the first member of the succeeding Commission is appointed in the year after the next national census is taken.
3. Members of the Commission will be subject to the following restrictions on their future activities:
 - For a period of **10** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **will not** be eligible to be elected to the Austin City Council.
 - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not** hold appointed office for the City of Austin.
 - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not**:
 - Serve as a City employee or as a paid consultant to the City of Austin.
 - Serve as a paid consultant to a member of the City Council in the council member's private capacity; or
 - Receive a non-competitively bid contract with the City of Austin.

**APPLICATION FOR THE
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

2013

Please complete this section legibly.

Name of Applicant: Gibbs Lucy Leaton Mrs.
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

Voter Registration Number (VUID): 1139217947

Residence Address (must be a fixed location in the City of Austin):

7210 Silvermine Drive Austin TX 78736
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different from Residence Address)

(Street Address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Phone: 512-940-3921

Contact Email Address: lucyg9064@aol.com

Spouse's Name: Gibbs Gary Clinton Mr.
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

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**APPLICATION FOR THE
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

2013

Please check YES or NO by each requirement. If you answer YES to question one (1), you may skip questions four (4) and five (5).

1. Are you a student enrolled in a community college or university in the City of Austin? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Do you reside in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you registered to vote in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the City of Austin for the five years immediately preceding the date on which you submit this application? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Please indicate whether you voted in the following City of Austin general elections (or corresponding runoff if applicable):

City of Austin General Elections	Candidate Response
May 12, 2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 14, 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 9, 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 10, 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 13, 2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Conflicts of Interest

The information below is required to help the City Auditor identify any conflict of interest you may have.

Within 5 years of the application date, have you or your spouse:	
Been appointed to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been elected to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a candidate for a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a registered state or local lobbyist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 3 years of the application date, have you or your spouse been:	
A paid employee of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
In the last City Election did you or your spouse:	
Contribute or bundle one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in aggregate to candidates for City of Austin elective office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Personal Background Information

- **Ethnicity:** Native Texan
- **Race:** white
- **Gender:** ☐ Male ☒ Female
- **Age: (Please check your response)**
☐ 18 to 24 ☐ 25 to 34 ☐ 35 to 44 ☐ 45 to 54 ☐ 55 to 64 ☒ 65+
- **Education level: (Please check any that apply)**
☐ High School Diploma or GED
☐ Some College (major _____)
☐ Associate's Degree (major _____)
☒ Bachelor's Degree (major English with a minor in Spanish)
☐ Post-Graduate Degree, indicate highest degree attained: (subject _____)

Qualifications

Please describe your relevant analytical skills.

I have worked with non-profit associations for over thirty years - representing a number of diverse groups including Gulf of Mexico shrimp boat owners, adult literacy advocates, physical therapists and doctors of osteopathic medicine.

An essential quality in working for a specific group of individuals is the ability to see the "Big Picture". You must be able to listen to your constituents in order to fully understand what they do, how they would like to pursue their profession in "an ideal world", and the challenges they face. You must then be able to work with them to formulate a strategy for not only protecting their livelihood but enhancing it, and effectively dealing with their challenges. In order for your strategy to be successful, you must also understand how your constituents interact with and are affected by others. Competing professions as well as state and local governments and other rule-making entities can have a tremendous influence (either positive or negative) on how your constituents are able to operate. In addition, public opinion (either positive or negative) can greatly affect the ability of your constituents to effectively pursue their professions.

As an example - when I worked for Gulf shrimp boat owners there was an issue with shrimp nets entangling and drowning sea turtles. The association Board of Trustees were able to develop a strategy wherein the shrimp boat owners modified their nets with turtle excluding devices, Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Legislature relaxed catch limits so that the owners could still catch enough shrimp to be profitable, and the general public embraced the shrimp boat owners as protectors of an endangered species.

I believe the main objective of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is to listen to the citizens of Austin in order to fully understand; 1) their desire for full and equal representation on the Austin City Council, and 2) their concerns about the mechanics of bringing that to fruition.

The first task of the Commission will be to ensure that all citizens are heard. The Commission will need to develop a strategy to encourage all citizens to participate, make it easy for them to do so, and manage the process to ensure that it does not become so unwieldy and time-consuming that both the cost and time required are prohibitive.

The Commission will then need to analyze all of the information acquired and develop a "Big Picture" strategy to put in place districts that will ensure full and equitable representation for all of the diverse geographic areas and demographics in Austin.

This is a huge task that will require a lot of dedication and analytical thinking on the part of the Commission members. I would love to be a part of that process and feel I could bring useful analytical skills to the process.

Please describe your ability to be impartial.

I strongly believe that all citizens of Austin deserve equal representation on their City Council regardless of where they live, their race, religion, or socio-economic status. Because of that belief, I will be able to listen to all segments of Austin's population, and work with the other members of the Commission to ensure that their concerns are heard and their needs fully considered.

I have no pre-conceived notion of how the ten districts should look and will, therefore, be able to impartially analyze all of the information presented and work with the other Commission members to come up with the best possible plan for Austin.

The goal of the Commission must be to establish districts that truly represent the interests and needs of all of Austin's citizens in a manner that is logical and based on common sense. Those individuals ultimately elected to represent each district must be able to establish and maintain close contact with their constituents without having to spend enormous amounts of money to do so. All citizens who qualify, not just those with lots of discretionary income, should be able to participate in the process of representing their district.

Please describe your appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.

My husband and I both graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1967. Following graduation my husband served 5 years in the U.S. Air Force and we lived in a number of places including the Philippines. We moved back to Austin in January of 1973 with our two daughters. We lived in North Austin off Justin Lane for a year, then moved to the South Austin subdivision of Cherry Creek where we lived for 5 years. In 1979 we moved to Oak Hill and are still here 34 years later.

Both of my daughters participated in busing and attended Albert Sydney Johnston High School. My oldest daughter attended Johnston for four years, graduating in 1987. My youngest daughter attended Johnston her Freshman year and would have liked to remain there, but in 1988 busing was ended and she transferred to Austin High School where she graduated. I was an active participant in the PTA at both high schools.

The thing that most of us love about Austin and what makes it so unique is its amazingly diverse demographics - college kids, professors, upper class, middle class, lower class, homeless, Anglo, African American, Hispanic, Asian, illegal, Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, agnostic, atheist, liberal, conservative, dis-enfranchised - all co-existing more or less peacefully and with mutual respect.

Our geography is also diverse - from the beautiful hills of West Austin to the industrial areas of East Austin to the cedar trees and scrub oaks of South Austin. Each area has its own issues and concerns in addition to the common concerns of all of Austin.

As Austin has gone from a small town to a big one with all of the attendant "growing pains", that diversity and tolerance/acceptance will be more difficult to sustain. Finite resources will be stretched thin with the resultant possibility of increased conflict and resentment among the various constituencies.

The job of the Commission must be to configure ten districts that embrace all of that diversity in very positive ways in order to preserve what is so special about Austin and allow it to flourish. It is a huge job but vitally important for this community.

I believe my experience living in different parts of Austin and my willingness to work with and support all of the citizens of Austin will make me a productive member of the Commission.

Please provide any other information you wish to be considered during the selection of the most qualified applicants for the Commission.

I retired on December 31, 2012 so I now have time to become more involved in activities that are important to me.

I have lived in Austin for 44 years - 4 as a University of Texas student and 40 as a citizen. This city and its citizens are very dear to me. Over the years I have been involved in the public school system as a PTA member and currently as a volunteer with Partners in Reading working with second graders at Dawson Elementary. I have been involved in my neighborhood as a member of the neighborhood association; in city, state and national issues as a member of the League of Women Voters and a volunteer for a number of election campaigns; and in my church as an Elder.

I contribute to a number of local charities including SafePlace, Extend-a-Care for Kids, Planned Parenthood, Meals on Wheels and More, and Texas Paralyzed Veterans.

And I think I have voted in every election since 1973.

I would truly love to be a part of this Commission.

DISCLAIMER

By submitting this application, I understand that I am giving the City Auditor permission to release my information to the public. In particular, I affirmatively consent to the release of the contact email address I have provided.

If I am appointed, my address, contact phone number and contact email address will be included on the City of Austin's website.

I understand my application is public information under the Texas Public Information Act. The information will be kept according to the City Auditor's records retention policies.

I understand that my participation on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is voluntary.

I understand the duties and terms of service for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as described above.

Under penalty of law, I swear or affirm that the preceding information in this application is in all things true and correct.

Lucy Leaton Gibbs

Signature of Applicant

If submitting electronically, please type your full name in the signature box.

2-8-13

Date

GLOSSARY

- “Bundle” means to raise money as an intermediary for a council candidate by soliciting contributions on the candidate’s behalf.
- “Campaign committee” in regard to an “officer, employee or paid consultant of a campaign committee” means a candidate or a specific purpose political committee supporting or opposing a candidate.
- “Candidate” for elective office means a person whose name appeared on a ballot, or who was a declared write-in candidate, in a general or primary election. It does not mean a person who merely announced a candidacy or only filed campaign finance filings. This definition attempts to construe the term against ineligibility, avoid ambiguity and disputes of fact, and use the term in the way most commonly understood by a lay person.
- “City” means Austin.
- “City elective office” means the office of mayor and city council member.
- “City employee” means an employee on the City payroll, including a temporary or part-time employee. The term does not include an independent contractor. This definition follows the definition in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code.
- “City office,” with respect to appointment, means a municipal court judgeship (including a substitute judgeship), and membership on a commission, committee, board, task force, or other City body appointed by the mayor or the city council. This definition follows the definition of “city official” in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code, excluding those City officials who are covered separately as City employees.
- “Community college or university in the City of Austin” means a degree-granting post-secondary educational institution, accredited by a recognized accrediting agency under the Education Code, that grants one or more of the following: an associate’s degree, a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree, or a doctorate, and that regularly conducts classes where the instructor and two or more students are physically present in a physical location within Austin’s city limits.
- “Contribution,” for purposes of calculating aggregate contributions to candidates for City elective office, includes all contributions to candidates for mayor and city council, and contributions to specific purpose political committees supporting or opposing those candidates.
- “County” refers to a county in which the City of Austin has territory.
- “County elective office” means an office that is voted on county-wide or an office that is voted on by the voters of a precinct drawn by a commissioners court.
- “Employee” with respect to a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid a salary by the political party or campaign committee.
- “Local lobbyist” means a person required to register under Chapter 4-8 of the City Code.
- “Non-competitively bid contract” means a contract which must be awarded as provided in Section 252.043 of the Local Government Code (“lowest responsible bidder” or “best value for the municipality”).

- “Officer” with respect to the “campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county or city office” means:
 - the campaign treasurer of a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office;
 - the campaign treasurer of a specific purpose political committee that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office; or
 - an officer or director of an incorporated specific purpose political committee, incorporated for liability purposes only under Section 253.092 of the Texas Election Code, that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office.
- “Officer” with respect to a political party means a precinct chair, a county chair, or a member of a party executive committee under Title 10 of the Texas Election Code.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to work done for a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid monetary consideration for providing legal services, accounting services, public relations services, statistical or polling services, or political or campaign-related services or advice.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to the three year ban on paid consultancy with a council member, means having a “political or professional contract” with a council member as defined in this guidance.
- “Political or professional contract,” in the context of a contract with a council member, means a contract with a council member under which, in return for consideration, a person provided expert advice or personal services related to a council member's duties or to the council member's service as a council member, or provided advice about the conduct of campaign activities or holding office, or provided services to a council member that would be reportable on the council member's required campaign and officeholder filings under Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; Article III, §8 of the Austin City Charter; or Chapter 2-2 of the Austin City Code. This does not include a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “Political party” means a political party that appeared on the ballot in any of the last three general elections for state and county officers.
- “Professional contract,” in the context of a contract with the City means a non-competitively bid contract other than a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “State” means Texas.
- “State office” means an office held by a “state officer” as defined in Section 572.002 of the Government Code.
 - In the context of an appointment to a state office, “state office” means: the office of Secretary of State, an office of a state agency subject to appointment for a term of office specified by the Texas Constitution or a statute of this state; an office subject to appointment with the advice and consent of the senate; the position of executive head of a state agency; or a state office subject to election but filled by appointment because of a vacancy or because the office is newly created.
 - In the context of candidacy or election to a state office, “state office” means a seat in the legislature, an executive or judicial office filled in a statewide election; a judgeship of a court of appeals or of a district court; membership on the State Board of Education; or the position of district attorney or criminal district attorney.
- “Student” means a person actively enrolled in a community college or university on the date of the person’s application to the Commission.

